

UTAH SWIMMING, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes

10 February 2004
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Debby Fleisch.

Members present: Brent Bunnell, Josh Dukes, Randy Christensen, Todd Etherington, Norin Felton, Debby Fleisch, Jennifer Fredsall, Janis Harvey, John Harvey, Maryalice Marx, Dan Peterson, Cathy Philpot, Emily Reimschuessel, Martha Siggard, and Grant Skabelund.

Excused members: Craig Bjorklund, Brian Christiansen, Maddie Stapley, and Mike Werner.

Quorum was present: Minutes for January 2004 board meeting were approved.

General Chair: Debby suggested USI rent storage space in a facility on 6200 South, SLC, to store USI equipment and records. Motion to do such was made, seconded, and approved. Debby will develop protocol for access to storage unit.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Janice will choose a date and venue for April's House of Delegates meeting.

Treasurer: Brent reported that a maintenance fee has been paid on the principle in USI's investment account. He suggested that the money be moved out of funds for which we are paying a maintenance fee and into funds for which a maintenance fee will not be paid. The board supported this action.

The board then discussed the funding for the B/C Finale meets; funding for the B/C Finales was cut from the 2004 budget. Brent suggested that USI should finance the B/C Finales. A motion to spend \$1,500 on the short course B/C Finale was made, seconded, and approved. Debby will inform Mike Werner of this decision. Funding the long course B/C Finale will be discussed at a later date.

Brent presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved. (To receive a copy of February's USI Financial Report, contact Grant Skabelund, USI Secretary, at skabelund@byu.edu.)

Senior Chair: Cathy is going to rework the Senior Reimbursement Form.

She announced that next summer's long course championship meet has been officially set for 28-31 July 2004 at Kearns. She will work on the meet information. A discussion of awards for the senior swimmers ensued; Cathy received support to change the awards given so long as USI and USA Swimming policies are followed.

Cathy also announced a Utah Masters Swimming Clinic, which will be conducted by Michael Collins, 2003 USMS Coach of the Year, at Fairmont Aquatic Center on 5-6 March.

Age-Group Chair: Debby reported for Mike. She noted that the blocks are slippery at BYU and that swimmers should probably plan to put a towel on their block. She also reported that Utah's Zone Team plans are taking shape and on schedule.

Technical Planning Chair: Randy asked who the contact for the WAS (Wasatch Area Swimming) Zone is. Mark said the WAS coaches would discuss it and report to Randy. Steve Marsing is the Z-League contact; Mel Roberts is the Central Zone contact; Randy is the North Zone contact. A South Zone contact is also needed.

Randy will work with Emily to produce the B/C Finale Proposal document.

Debby notified the board that Dee Loose, the president of the Utah Swim Coaches Association, is planning to have a coaches clinic this spring. Funding (\$1,500) for the event has been budgeted. A motion that USI coaches be able to attend the clinic without charge was made, seconded, and approved. Brent will communicate this to Dee, a notice will be placed on the USI website, and an announcement will be sent to all USI clubs.

Coaches Representative: Dan asked for feedback on the awards for Coach of the Year. The board suggested that Short Course and Long Course Coaches of the Year, both Age Group and Senior, be named.

Officials Chair: Members of Emily's Officials Committee are: Debby Fleisch, Maryalice Marx, Carolyn Burt, Rick Nerud, and Emily.

Emily held an Officials Clinic on 21 January at her home. Nine attended. She plans to hold another clinic in April.

Emily requested that USI hold a Hy-Tek and timing systems clinic in conjunction with the House of Delegates meeting in April. The 90-minute clinic would be held before the House of Delegates meeting. There was general support from the board for this idea.

Sanctions Chair: Emily filed a February 2004 Sanction Report (see attached).

Safety Chair: At March's board meeting, Josh will provide a four-month safety-training schedule.

Club Liaison Chair: Maryalice would like an up-to-date club list. She is working on putting together an up-to-date e-mail list for all of the clubs. She was tasked with informing the clubs that they need to have their Utah Senior Invitational entries to Mike by Monday, 23 February.

Membership Chair: Martha reported that USI has 1,625 athletes, which is about 78 percent of last year's total, 31 clubs, and 161 non-athletes.

Registration and Website Coordinator: Todd reported the USI website's officials' page is developing rapidly and that he continues to work on the exceptions issue.

Time Verifications Chair: Norin reported that she had checked on using a database for event entry; the consensus of the board was that it is an option too expensive to pursue.

Athlete Representatives: John and Jennifer had nothing to report. However, Todd read a letter from Brian Christiansen, who encouraged his fellow swimmers to stay in the pool, build friendships, and have fun.

Next meeting is slated for **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9 March 2004**, at the **Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center**. All interested parties are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

grant skabelund, USI Secretary